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Letter dated 25 October 1993 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly and to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you the letter addressed to me by Mr. Christopher R. Thomas, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States (see annex), conveying the text of resolution CP/RES.610 (968/93) on the current situation in Haiti, approved by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States at its special session held on 18 October 1993.

I should be grateful if you would be kind enough to bring the text of the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

ANNEX

Letter dated 19 October 1993 from the Assistant Secretary General in charge of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the resolution (CP/RES.610 (968/93)) on the current situation in Haiti approved by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States at its special session held on 18 October 1993.

(Signed) Christopher R. THOMAS
Assistant Secretary General
in charge of the General Secretariat

APPENDIX

Resolution on the situation in Haiti, adopted by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States at its special session held on 18 October 1993 (CP/RES.610 (968/93))

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

HAVING SEEN:

The Declaration of the Permanent Council dated 12 October 1993, especially the provisions of paragraph 4 (CP/DEC.15 (967/93));

The Declaration of the Chairman of the Permanent Council, condemning the acts of violence and the brutal murder of Mr. Guy Malary, Minister of Justice in the Government of Prime Minister Robert Malval; and

The declarations made by the various Heads of State and of Government in the region.

BEARING IN MIND:

The report presented by the Assistant Secretary General in charge of the General Secretariat on 18 October 1993 and the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations based on the report presented by the Special Envoy, Mr. Dante Caputo, on recent events in Haiti; and

The provisions contained in resolutions 873 (1993) and 875 (1993) of the United Nations Security Council;

CONSIDERING:

The note by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs to the Secretary General informing him of the decision to recommend States members of the Organization of American States to apply once again the measures agreed on in resolutions MRE 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, particularly with regard to the exhortation that member States apply a trade embargo on Haiti,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its strongest condemnation of the acts of violence and intimidation taking place in Haiti, especially the murder of Mr. Guy Malary, Minister of Justice, and those who accompanied him.

2. To take note of the decision of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and, consequently, to instruct the Special Committee to Monitor Compliance with the Trade Embargo on Haiti, in the light of the mandate conferred by resolutions CP/RES.575 (885/92) and MRE/RES.5/93, to renew its activities and keep the Permanent Council informed.

3. To urge the international community to adhere to the measures recommended in resolutions 1/91, 2/91, 3/92, 4/92 and 5/93 of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, unless the Secretary General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, informs the Ad Hoc Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs before midnight on 18 October 1993 that all parties in Haiti are complying fully with the terms of the Agreement of Governors Island.

4. To deplore the fact that the current insecurity, atmosphere of violence and lack of guarantees have made it necessary to relocate, temporarily, members of the Organization of American States/United Nations Civilian Mission to Haiti.

5. To call forcefully upon the armed forces and police of Haiti to comply with their responsibility to maintain public order, protect human rights and guarantee the safety of the Special Envoy, Mr. Dante Caputo, and his collaborators.

6. To request the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of resolution MRE/RES.5/93 of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs on Haiti, to continue monitoring the human rights situation in Haiti and to keep the Permanent Council informed.

7. To reiterate the support of States members of the Organization of American States for the "Agreement of Governors Island" and for the efforts undertaken by the OAS/UN Special Envoy, Mr. Dante Caputo, and to urge the Haitian military authorities, including the police, to comply with the conditions laid down in that agreement.

8. To request the Secretary General to transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to disseminate it as widely as possible.

9. To keep a close watch on the situation in Haiti.